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Subject: Bully Dogs

Hi -

I am writing to talk about why breed banning is unconstitutional and should be lifted. People use the word pit bull as if it were a specific breed of dog, however it is NOT a breed but rather a generalization of a grouping of breeds.

The term is often used loosely to describe dogs with similar physical characteristics, and the physical variation amongst "bully breed" dogs. Certain mixed breed dogs are often labeled as "pit bulls" too if they have certain physical characteristics such as a square shaped head or bulky body.

I must say... I find that people are misinformed about these beautiful and sweet dogs. (Yes I did call them sweet). Most dogs only react to how they are treated and what they are taught. If they are shown love and treated good, then they will show love back. Unfortunately it usually comes down to ownership. There are a lot of good, kind, loving people who own these bully breed dogs however there are many nasty, heartless people who own these dogs as well. I noticed few years ago if a "pit bull" is a family dog, you never really hear about how loving these dogs can be. However the first time some jerk who trains his dog to be mean lets his dog go and it attacks, it is all over the news. Sensationalism journalism they call it, where the news only plays the horrific angle of a story to shock people. Sadly but in the world we live in, in the RARE instance a story of a dog attacking a child is a bigger news story than that same dog would be for playing in harmony with a child.

I must also say, that I have known many cute, cuddly, sweet little dogs (yorkies, chihuahuas, etc) who would bite your finger off in a minute but they are still acceptable dogs to have. No breed discrimination there.

All I am saying is... Before you discriminate breeds of dogs based on their look, body type, or reputation please take a look at all of the sweet, family bully breed pets who only want to love but their crime is that they are being stereotyped because of their name.

Please consider this before you decide something that may break the heart of a child who loves a "bully" dog.

Thank You,
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